

CHAPTER 4

OFFICIAL FUNERAL IMPLEMENTATION

Section I. GENERAL

85. Entitlement.

<i>Title</i>	<i>Primary responsibility</i>
a. The Vice President of the United States.	Secretary of the U.S. Senate.
b. The Chief Justice of U.S. Supreme Court.	Marshal of the U.S. Supreme Court.
c. Cabinet Members.	Senior representative of the department concerned.
d. Other Government officials when specifically designated by the President.	Senior representative of the independent office of which the deceased was an official.
e. Foreign civil dignitary when specifically designated by the President.	Secretary of State.

86. Procedure. a. In the event of the demise of persons indicated above, the official having primary responsibility will be in charge of all arrangements in connection with the execution of the Official Funeral Plan, and may omit such portions of this plan as may be inappropriate or impracticable at the time.

b. The Secretary of the General Staff, Department of the Army; The Adjutant General, Department of the Army; Commandant of the Marine Corps and Chief of Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy; Deputy Chief of Staff, Systems and Logistics, Department of the Air Force and Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, will render the support to the CG,MDW as indicated in paragraph 20c.

87. Sequence of events. See figure 6.

a. If demise occurs in Washington, D.C., the remains will be moved to a selected place of repose where it will be attended by a guard of honor composed of representatives of all the Armed Forces. If demise occurs outside Washington, D.C., the remains will be transported to Washington, D.C., for final honors. The remains will be met at the point of arrival (MATS Terminal, Washington National Airport; Andrews Air Force Base; Washington Navy Yard Annex; or Union Station) by a reception party and escorted to the place of repose.

b. The remains will be in repose until the day of the funeral service which is usually the second day following the day of demise, when the demise occurred in the Washington, D.C. area, or the second day following the day of arrival in Washington, D.C., if demise occurred elsewhere. On the day of the funeral service, the remains will be escorted to the site where the funeral service will be conducted. If burial is to be outside of Washington, D.C., the funeral service may not be held in the Washington, D.C. area. In that event, the remains will be escorted from the place of repose to the point of departure where honors will be rendered.

c. The main funeral procession will be conducted as follows:

- (1) If the burial is to be at Arlington National Cemetery the cortege will join the main funeral procession on Constitution Avenue in the vicinity of 17th Street, NW. The casket transfer to the caisson will take place at 16th Street, NW, and Constitution Avenue. The procession will then proceed to Arlington National Cemetery.
- (2) If burial is outside of Washington, D.C., and Union Station is the point of departure the cortege will join the main funeral procession at 17th Street, NW, on Constitution Avenue

(there will be no casket transfer) and move directly to Union Station.

- (3) If burial is outside Washington, D.C., and the point of departure is MATS Terminal, Washington National Airport; Washington Navy Yard Annex; Andrews Air Force Base; or when departure is by automobile, the cor-

tege will join the main funeral procession at the Intersection of Delaware Avenue and Constitution Avenue (there will be no casket transfer). The procession will move along Constitution Avenue to 14th Street, NW, where a prescribed portion of the cortege will detach itself and go directly to the point of departure.

Section II. ARRIVAL OF REMAINS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

88. General. When the demise has occurred elsewhere and the remains are to be transported to Washington, D.C., an appropriate ceremony will be conducted at the point of arrival (MATS Terminal, Washington National Airport; Washington Navy Yard Annex; Union Station; or Andrews Air Force Base).

89. Participating personnel. *a. Civilian group:* The official having primary responsibility will arrange for the attendance of the group as indicated in paragraph 23 *a*.

b. Military personnel: Same as indicated in paragraph 23*b*.

90. Ceremony at point of arrival. See figures 7, 8, 9, and 10. Same as indicated in paragraph 24.

91. Movement to place of repose. See figure 40. Same as indicated in paragraph 25.

92. Arrival at place of repose and repose. All details concerning arrival at place of repose and repose are the same as indicated in paragraphs 26 through 29. See figure 11.

93. Departure of remains from place of repose. The remains will depart from the place of repose at 1300 hours on the second day. When burial is in Arlington National Cemetery and a funeral procession is desired, the remains should depart the place of repose for the funeral at 1200 hours. Appropriate honors will be rendered as the casket departs the place of repose.

94. Participating personnel. *a. Civilian group:* The person having primary responsibility will

arrange for attendance of the following individuals when remains depart from the place of repose.

- (1) The President of the United States.
- (2) Chiefs of State and Heads of Government.
- (3) The Vice President of the United States.
- (4) Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (5) Chief Justice and Associate Justices (active and retired), Marshal, Clerk, (U.S. Supreme Court).
- (6) Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.
- (7) Cabinet Members.
- (8) State and Territorial Governors.
- (9) Family.
- (10) Honorary pallbearers (not to exceed 10).
- (11) Clergy.
- (12) Other dignitaries and mourners.

b. Military personnel: Same as indicated in paragraph 59*a*(2).

95. Ceremony at place of repose. See figures 12, 13, and 40.

a. Participating personnel will be formed in positions similar to those taken at the ceremony conducted upon arrival of remains at the place of repose.

b. At the appropriate time the body bearers will secure the casket. Preceded by the National Color and clergy, followed by the personal flag, the casket will be carried from the place of repose.

c. As the casket appears from the place of

repose the procession will halt and the commander of troops will bring the joint honor cordon to ATTENTION and PRESENT ARMS. The band will then render appropriate honors followed by a hymn. On the first note of the hymn the body bearers will move the casket through the joint honor cordon and the honorary pallbearers and place it in the hearse.

d. The band will continue to play until the casket is secured in the hearse. The joint honor cordon will be brought to ORDER ARMS when the band stops playing. All ceremonial troops will remain at ATTENTION until the funeral cortege has departed.

e. The funeral cortege will form and proceed at the rate of 20 miles per hour to location of funeral service or main funeral procession. The route will be specified when the ceremony site is known.

f. The National Color team, body bearers, personal flag bearer, band and joint honor cordon will be dismissed. Duplicate details to those at the place of repose will await the arrival of the remains at the location of the funeral service or main procession.

Section III. FUNERAL SERVICE

96. At other than Arlington National Cemetery. a. If place of repose and funeral site are the same, disregard the sequence of events pertaining to movement from place of repose.

b. Participating Personnel. See paragraphs 41 and 42.

c. Ceremonies at location of funeral. See paragraphs 43 and 44.

97. At Arlington National Cemetery. a. Participating personnel.

(1) Civilian group. See paragraph 94.

(2) Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery.

(3) Military personnel. See paragraph 65b.

b. Ceremony at Amphitheater. See paragraph 66.

c. Administrative details. See paragraph 67.

Section IV. MAIN FUNERAL PROCESSION

98. To Arlington National Cemetery. a. When the funeral service is to be held in Arlington National Cemetery, the motorized cortege will move from the place of repose to 16th Street, NW, for casket transfer and then join the main funeral procession at the intersection of 17th Street, NW, and Constitution Avenue (fig. 41).

b. When the funeral service is to be held at Washington National Cathedral, Saint Matthew's Cathedral, or another funeral site in Washington, D.C., the casket will be placed in the hearse at the place of repose and moved in the motorized cortege to the funeral site. After the funeral service the cortege will move to 16th Street, NW, for the casket transfer and then join the main funeral procession at the intersection of 17th Street, NW, and Constitution Avenue (fig. 41).

99. Transfer of casket to caisson. See paragraph 46c and d and figure 41.

100. To point of departure. a. If burial is outside Washington, D.C., and the point of departure is MATS Terminal, Washington National Airport; Washington Navy Yard Annex; Andrews Air Force Base; or when departure is by automobile, the cortege will join the main funeral procession at the intersection of Delaware Avenue and Constitution Avenue (there will be no casket transfer). The procession will move along Constitution Avenue to 14th Street, NW, where a prescribed portion of the cortege will detach itself and go directly to the point of departure. See Figure 40.

b. If burial is outside Washington, D.C., and the point of departure is Union Station, the cortege will join the main funeral procession

at 17th Street, NW, and Constitution Avenue (there will be no casket transfer) and proceed to Louisiana Avenue where that portion of the procession shown in figure 40 will detach itself and move directly to Union Station.

101. Conduct of the main funeral procession.
See figures 32, 40, 41, and 42.

a. Participating personnel, in order of march as desired and appropriate. See figure 32.

- (1) *Police escort.*
- (2) *Escort commander* Commanding General, Military District of Washington.
- (3) *Troops.* See paragraph 47a and b(3).
- (4) *Cortege.* See paragraph 47b(4).

b. Formation. See paragraph 47c.

c. Assembly areas. See figure 42.

- (1) For procession to Arlington National Cemetery—Constitution Avenue between 17th Street, NW, and 21st Street, NW.
- (2) For procession from Delaware Avenue on Constitution Avenue to 14th Street, NW—Constitution Avenue between 2d Street, NW, and Delaware Avenue.
- (3) For procession from 17th Street, NW, on Constitution Avenue to Louisiana Avenue and to Union Station—Constitution Avenue between 15th Street, NW, and 17th Street, NW.

d. Initial points. See figure 42.

- (1) For procession to Arlington National Cemetery—21st Street, NW, and Constitution Avenue.
- (2) For procession from Delaware Avenue on Constitution Avenue to 14th Street, NW—2d Street, NW, and Constitution Avenue.
- (3) For procession from 17th Street, NW, on Constitution Avenue to Louisiana Avenue and to Union Station—15th Street, NW, and Constitution Avenue.

e. Time of departure from initial point.
This will be determined by where the funeral service is to be held and religious faith of the deceased. If interment is to be outside Washington, D.C. see paragraphs 58 through 63.

f. Routes of march. See figures 34 and 42.

- (1) For procession to Arlington National Cemetery west on Constitution Avenue, southwest on Henry Bacon Drive, Memorial Drive to Arlington National Cemetery via Memorial Circle and Memorial Bridge.
- (2) For procession from Delaware Avenue on Constitution Avenue to 14th Street, NW—west on Constitution Avenue to 14th Street, NW.
- (3) For procession from 17th Street, NW, and Constitution Avenue to Union Station—east on Constitution Avenue, northeast on Louisiana Avenue to Union Station.

g. Rate of march.

- (1) Police escort will move at 3 miles per hour.
- (2) Cadence—100 steps per minute.

h. Dispersal areas.

- (1) Arlington National Cemetery—dispersal area will be designated when the interment site has been selected.
- (2) Constitution Avenue to 14th Street, NW—dispersal area will be on Constitution Avenue between 19th Street, NW, and 16th Street, NW.
- (3) 17th Street, NW, and Constitution Avenue to Union Station—dispersal area will be 1st Street, SE.

102. Flyovers. The U.S. Air Force will coordinate arrangements for a flight of aircraft to fly over the main funeral procession, if appropriate, between 10th and 19th Streets, NW, on Constitution Avenue or over Memorial Bridge.

103. Cordons. See figures 34 and 42.

a. Joint street honor cordon flanking route of procession will face center three steps from curb at 10-step intervals.

- (1) For procession from 17th Street, NW, and Constitution Avenue to Arlington National Cemetery.
 - (a) U.S. Air Force—Ceremony site control officer.
 - (b) U.S. Air Force—four officers and 214 airmen (17th Street, NW, to

- Henry Bacon Drive, to Lincoln Memorial Circle).
- (c) U.S. Navy—four officers and 214 seamen (Lincoln Memorial Circle and Henry Bacon Drive to the west end of Arlington Memorial Bridge).
 - (d) U.S. Marine Corps—four officers and 214 enlisted men (west end of Arlington Memorial Bridge to Memorial Gate, Arlington National Cemetery).
 - (e) U.S. Army—four officers and 214 enlisted men (Memorial Gate, Arlington National Cemetery to Amphitheater or gravesite).
- (2) For procession from Delaware Avenue on Constitution Avenue to 14th Street, NW.
- (a) U.S. Air Force—Ceremony site control officer.
 - (b) U.S. Army—three officers and 153 enlisted men (14th Street, NW, west side to 10th Street, NW, west side).
 - (c) U.S. Marine Corps—three officers and 153 enlisted men (10th Street, NW, west side to 6th Street, NW, west side).
 - (d) U.S. Navy—three officers and 153 seamen (6th Street, NW, west side to halfway between 2d and 3d Streets, NW).
 - (e) U.S. Air Force—three officers and 153 airmen (from halfway between 2d and 3d Streets, NW, to west side Delaware Avenue).
- (3) For procession from 17th Street, NW, on Constitution Avenue to Louisiana Avenue and to Union Station.
- (a) U.S. Air Force—Ceremony site control officer.
 - (b) U.S. Air Force—four officers and 180 airmen (west side 17th Street, NW, to halfway between 14th Street and 15th Street, NW).
 - (c) U.S. Navy—four officers and 180 seamen (halfway between 13th and 15th Streets, NW, to east side of 10th Street, NW).
 - (d) U.S. Marine Corps—four officers and 180 enlisted men (east side of 10th Street, NW, to halfway between 4th and 6th Streets, NW).
 - (e) U.S. Army—four officers and 180 enlisted men (halfway between 4th and 6th Streets, NW, to Louisiana Avenue and down Louisiana Avenue across the Union Station Plaza).
- 104. Sequence of events.** *a.* All troops will be in position 30 minutes prior to the time scheduled for the procession to begin movement.
- b.* When the funeral cortege joins the main funeral procession the escort commander (CG, MDW) will take his position at the head of the column and proceed upon signal from the ceremony site control officer.
- c.* The joint street honor cordon will individually come to PRESENT ARMS when the National Color is 12 steps from their position, and will return to ORDER ARMS after the Vice President has passed their position.
- d.* Procession from 21st Street, NW, and Constitution Avenue to Arlington National Cemetery. See figures 32, 34 and 42.
- (1) Police escort will remain with main funeral procession until it detaches itself at Arlington Ridge Road.
 - (2) Main funeral procession will continue through Memorial Gate and will turn left on to Roosevelt Drive and proceed to Amphitheater (para 64 through 67) or directly to gravesite (para 52 through 57) depending upon where the ceremony is to be conducted.
- e.* Procession inside Arlington National Cemetery to gravesite. See paragraph 55.
- f.* Procession inside Arlington National Cemetery to Amphitheater. See paragraph 66a.

Section V. INTERMENT

105. Arlington National Cemetery. All details concerning interment at Arlington National

Cemetery are the same as indicated in paragraphs 52 through 57.

106. Outside Washington, D.C. Ceremony at point of departure (para 63) with the following additions:

a. Civilian group:

- (1) The President of the United States and Party.
- (2) Chiefs of State and Heads of Government.
- (3) The Vice President of the United States and Party.
- (4) Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (5) Chief Justice and Associate Justices (active and retired), Marshal, Clerk, (U.S. Supreme Court).
- (6) Dean of Diplomatic Corps.
- (7) Cabinet members.
- (8) State and Territorial Governors.
- (9) Other official mourners.

b. Military personnel; Special Honor Guard.

- (1) Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- (2) Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.

- (3) Chief of Naval Operations.
- (4) Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.
- (5) Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.
- (6) Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.

c. If the point of departure is Union Station, the saluting battery will be in position south of Union Station Plaza. The battery will fire the prescribed gun salute commencing with the arrival of the head of the procession at the Union Station Plaza.

d. If the casket is to depart from MATS Terminal, Washington National Airport, the saluting battery will be in position on the taxi strip northeast of the terminal building. The battery will commence firing the gun salute as the procession turn off the Airport Highway to enter MATS Terminal, Washington National Airport. See figure 36.

e. The official having primary responsibility for execution of this plan will make all arrangements for reception and final committal services.